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The **National Scrip Collectors Association** was officially organized on October 21, 1972 in Fayetteville WV. The objectives and purposes of the organization are to promote the collection of coal company scrip and related tokens, to cultivate good relations between collectors of scrip tokens, and to encourage the study and research of the history of coal mining companies as it relates to the usage of scrip tokens.

In the late 1970's the scope of the **NCSA** was broadened to include tokens from other industries; including lumber, phosphate, hard rock, limestone, copper, gold & silver, brick & clay, cotton & textile, paper, iron & steel, agricultural, and others.

The first issue of ***Scrip Talk*** was published in 1965, and it continues today as the official newsletter for members of the **NSCA**. It exists not only as a source of information for its members, but as a forum where they can share items of interest. Please feel free to submit or suggest articles for future publication.

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Olive Hill Fire Brick Company

By Garrett Salyers

In my relative six short years of collecting coal scrip and a few tokens, I have been actively seeking pieces from the Olive Hill Fire Brick Company. Although there were several coal mines in operation locally, only a couple were commercial enterprises. Therefore there was a scarcity of coal scrip produced. Currently not listed in the Edkins book as coal scrip, I have found proof that the Olive Hill Fire Brick Company owned at least one coal mine, if not more.

*J.J. Hoblitzell, E.S. Hitchins, and George H. Parks, three men who had been involved in mining and refractories in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia, built the first plant at Olive Hill. In 1895, Olive Hill Fire Brick was formed. The plant was started May 1, and as it was the first built in the interior of Kentucky, there was much doubt as to the possibility of success of the venture. Olive Hill had an abundance of flint or hard fireclay, but plastic or bonding clays were not in evidence. In fact, the first kiln of brick almost proved a tragedy for the new company. A local plastic clay that was used proved worthless. The first brick were used in the foundation of new kilns or thrown over the bank. A plastic clay from the Saulsberry farm at Aden, Ky., proved satisfactory.

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Olive Hill Fire Brick Company, *Continued*

One laborer that started working in the plant, acted as boiler engineer, making electricity for the plant and town. Coal for energy came by rail from Moore Branch, one or two 50 ton cars a week. There were several small mines that operated in the county in the late 1800's. In the early 1900's, Olive Hill Fire Brick opened a No. 6 seam for use in its own plants. At Lost Creek, eight men with two mules brought out the coal. The Olive Hill Fire Brick Company eventually became General Refractories, probably around 1913. There is scrip listed for the General Refractories Co.

Since discovering that in the late 1920's, my grandfather, C.A. Cline, worked for this company, the scrip and tokens have become even more fascinating to me. After showing the powers that be in the scrip club the documentation that the Olive Hill Fire Brick Company owned a coal mine, they said that this company should definitely be listed as scrip. In Gordon Dodrill's book, 20,000 Coal Company Stores, the Olive Hill Fire Brick Company is not listed, but interestingly enough, a picture of a piece of it is shown on page 183. This company had parallel pieces made in both brass and aluminum. While the finds have been few, I am in search of additional information as to pieces owned, seen, etc., to establish as true a rarity rating as possible. Please contact me with any information at

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*Almost all the information concerning the Olive Hill Fire Brick Co., Inc., came from the book Carter County A Pictorial History, by George Wolfford, 1985.

Thank you for bidding. Hope you find something here that you need.

JACK CHAPMAN'S THIRTY-DAY SCRIP AUCTION

Starting Date: March 12, 2007 **Ending Date: April 12, 20(**

Lot #	Scrip #	Company and Town	R rating	Condition	Min. bid
1	KY 1681-A100	Ashless Coal Corporation (Lothair, KY)	R-10	very fine	$75.00
2	KY 787-E100	Diamond Block Coal Co., Diablock, KY	R-10	very fine	$75.00
3	KY 409-A100	Trace Fork Mining Company, Bulan, KY	U/L	good	$75.00
4	KY 409-A5	Trace Fork Mining Company, Bulan, KY	R-9	good	$40.00
5	KY 1271-A10	Trace Fork Mining Co. Inc., Hazard, KY	R-9	fine	$40.00
6	KY 2230-I5	Indian Creek Coal Co., Pineville, KY	R-10	very fine	$75.00
7	KY 2793-C25	Dean Coals, Inc., Tinsley, KY	R-9	fine	$40.00
X 8	KY 3003-B50	Dixie Bell Coal Co., Inc. Whipple, KY (Bell Pictorial)	R-8	fine	$25.00
9	KY 3003-B10	Dixie Bell Coal Co., Inc. Whipple, KY (Bell Pictorial)	R-7	fine	$15.00
10	KY 3003-B5	Dixie Bell Coal Co., Inc. Whipple, KY (Bell Pictorial)	R-8	fine	$20.00
11	KY 117-E50	The Bennett Jellico Coal Co., Artemus, Kentucky	R-10	very fine	$95.00
12	KY 2245-A50	New Kentucky Coal Co., Pittsburg, KY (Pick & Shovel)	R-10	very fine	$85.00
13	KY 309-25	Kentucky Hayslen Coal Co., Inc. (Blue Diamond, KY)	U/L	fine	$75.00
14	KY 2031-A25	Lincoln Coal Co., Incorporated, Napfor, KY	U/L	very fine	$75.00
15	KY 1143-A25	Hatfield-Reliance Coal Co., Glomawr, KY	R-10	fine	$65.00
16	KY 62-A100	East Kentucky Coal Co., Alloway, Kentucky	R-6	very fine	No min.
17	KY 44-A10	Liberty Coal Company, Alex, KY (Bi-metal, Rough Center)	R-10	good	No min.
18	IN 2901-A5	Coal Bluff Mining Co, Vicksburg, IN (Bi-metal)	R-7	very fine	No min.
19	KY 518-A25	R.A. Bridges & Co., Centertown, KY (Bi-metal)	R-8	very fine	$45.00
20	KY 185-B100	Beaver Dam Coal Co. Store, Taylor (Beaver Dam, KY)(Bi-metal)	R-8	very fine	$40.00
21	KY 185-A5	Taylor Coal Co. (Beaver Dam, KY)(Aluminum)	R-9	good	No min.
22	KY 185-B5	Beaver Dam Coal Co. Store, Taylor (Brass)	R-2	good	No min.
23	KY 1851-H5	Williams Coal Co., (McHenry, KY) (Brass)	R-10	good	No min.
24	KY 1851-D5	Beaver Dam Coal Co. Store, Williams (McHenry)(Aluminum)	R-9	good	No min.
☆ 25	KY 2893-C50	Wm. D. Boyer, Trustee & Co. Bear Branch Mine (Verda, KY)	R-9	very fine	$50.00
26	KY 673-A100	River Ridge Collieries, Inc., Cote, KY	R-8	very fine	No min.
27	KY 673-A50	River Ridge Collieries, Inc., Cote, KY	R-8	very fine	No min.
28	KY 673-A25	River Ridge Collieries, Inc., Cote, KY	R-8	very fine	No min.
29	KY 673-A10	River Ridge Collieries, Inc., Cote, KY	R-10	very fine	No min.
30	KY 3109-A100b	Harlan Fuel Company (Yancey, KY)	R-8	very fine	$25.00
31	KY 3109-C5	Harlan Fuel Company (Yancey, KY)	R-5	very fine	No min.
32	KY 2420-C50	Cottingham Bros. General Merchandise (Robards)(Sm. Hole)	R-10	fine	$60.00
☆ 33	KY Merchant .25	C.A. Collett, Roark, KY (Sm. Hole)	U/L	good	No min.
☆ 34	KY Merchant 1.00	D.T. Chesnut, Barton, KY (Sm. Hole)	U/L	good	No min.
35	KY 1055-A100	Lewis & Campbell, Four Mile, KY	R-9	fine	$35.00
36	KY 1055-A25	Lewis & Campbell, Four Mile, KY	R-8	fine	$25.00
37	KY 2381-A100	Center Coal Co. Render (Holed)	R-7	good	$15.00
38	KY 856-A25	Center Coal Co. Richmond (DuPont, KY) (Holed)	R-6	fine	$15.00
39	KY 856-A5a	Center Coal Co. Richmond (DuPont, KY) (Holed)	R-8	fine	$20.00
40	KY Merchant .25	P.J. Honaker, Port Royal, KY	U/L	fine	No min.
X 41	KY 87-E5	New Anchor Block Coal Co., Anchor, KY	R-6	fine	No min.
42	KY 923-A5	Harlan Knox Coal Co., Elys, KY	R-6	fine	No min.
43	KY 923-B10	Harlan Producers Coal Co., Elys, KY	R-5	fine	No min.
44	KY 923-C5	Harlan Producers Coal Co., Elys, KY	R-6	fine	No min.
45	KY 923-D1a	Harlan Producers Coal Co., Elys, KY	R-5	fine	No min.

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46	KY 151-B500	Fordson Coal Co. (Banner Fork, KY)	R-7	fine	$40.00
47	Ky 1683-E500	Cornett-Lewis Coal Co., Louellen, KY	R-7	fine	$15.00
48	KY 2853-A100	Creech Coal Company, Twila, KY	R-7	fine	$15.00
49	KY 2853-A50a	Creech Coal Company, Twila, KY	R-7	fine	$15.00
50	KY 2853-A5a	Creech Coal Company, Twila, KY	R-7	fine	$10.00
51	KY 3009-G50	Gorman-Pursiful Coal Co., Whitesburg, KY	R-8	fine	$20.00
52	KY 3009-G25	Gorman-Pursiful Coal Co., Whitesburg, KY	R-7	fine	$15.00
53	KY 1441-D10	Consolidation Coal Company, Jenkins Store	R-6	fine	$10.00
54	KY 1441-A1	The Consolidation Coal Company, Jenkins	R-5	fine	$8.00
55	KY 417-A1	The Consolidation Coal Company, Burdine	R-7	fine	$15.00
56	KY 851-A1	The Consolidation Coal Company, Dunham	R-6	fine	$10.00
57	KY 1855-A1	The Consolidation Coal Company, McRoberts	R-7	fine	$15.00
58	KY 2541-A5	Scuddy Coal Company, Inc. Scuddy, KY	R-9	fine	$35.00
59	KY 2541-B10	Marlowe Coal Co., Scuddy, KY	R-8	fine	$25.00
60	KY 2541-C1a	Marlowe Coal Co., Scuddy, KY	R-5	fine	$10.00
★ 61	KY Merchant .50	A.D. Campbell & Son, Yerkes, KY	U/L	fine	No min.
★ 62	KY Merchant .25	A.D. Campbell & Son, Yerkes, KY	U/L	fine	No min.
63	KY Labor Check1½¢	The R.M. Denham Co., Newport, KY (Dog Head Pictorial)	U/L	fine	No min.
64	Merchant .25	R.V. Wohlford & Co.	U/L	fine	No min.
★ 65	Merchant .25	Railroad Restaurant, T.P. Cline, Middlesboro, KY	U/L	fine	No min.
66	KY 2797-A100	Buchanan Coal Co. Tip Top, KY	R-8	fine	No min.
67	KY 2797-A25	Buchanan Coal Co. Tip Top, KY	R-8	fine	No min.
68	KY 89-D25	Perkins-Bowling Coal, Anco, KY	R-6	fine	No min.
69	KY 867-C50a	T.P. Watkins, East Bernstadt, KY	R-5	fine	No min.
70	KY 867-C25	T.P. Watkins, East Bernstadt, KY	R-5	fine	No min.
71	KY 867-C5	T.P. Watkins, East Bernstadt, KY	R-8	fine	No min.
72	KY 541-A50	Crown Coal Co., Chevrolet, KY	R-6	fine	No min.
73	VA 2089-L500	Hawthorne Coal & Coke Co., Norton, VA	R-7	fine	No min.
74	VA 333-G500	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Bonny Blue, VA	R-6	fine	No min.
75	VA 333-G10	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Bonny Blue, VA	R-1	fine	No min.
76	VA 333-G1	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Bonny Blue, VA	R-1	fine	No min.
★ 77	VA 2495-K100	Briar Ridge Coal Corp., St. Charles, VA	R-5	very fine	No min.
78	VA J-26 Exploder	Jewel Ridge Coal Corp. No. 2, 2 Powder (Jewell Valley)	H	fine	No min.
79	VA J-28 Exploder	Jewel Ridge Coal Corp. No. 2, 4 Powder (Jewell Valley)	H	fine	No min.
80	VA J-30 Exploder	Jewel Ridge Coal Corp. No. 2, 1 Squib (Jewell Valley)	H	fine	No min.
81	VA 731-B10b	Clinchfield Coal Corp. (Dante, VA)	R-9	very fine	No min.
82	VA 731-E1	Clinchfield Coal Corp. (Dante, VA)	R-7	fine	No min.
★ 83	VA Merchant .50	M.N. Rowlett General Merchandise, Boons Path, VA	U/L	fine	No min.
84	TN Lumber 740-A50	T.W. Carson 1904 (Glen Mary, TN)	R-9	very fine	$75.00
85	TN Merchant .05	Alex Rose 1897 (Wooldridge, TN with Electric Pen-Reverse)	U/L	good	No min.
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★ 89	NC .50	Southern R.R., Spencer, NC Good for Privileges, YMCA	U/L	fine	No min.
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I have always been a coin collector and within the last three (3) years decided to join the **NSCA** and concentrate my interest in West Virginia coal scrip to pass along to my two grandsons.

I have very pleasant memories of those trips with the children from the mining communities stopping for lunch at the YMCA in Elkins, WV and evenings around the campfire, etc.

If any members or readers of ***Scrip Talk*** were on these trips I would like to hear from them.

My address is: Claude Buckley * 1710 Roosevelt Road * Pittsburgh, PA * 15237

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